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SUBJECT: SCHEEL CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO BULGARIA

1. GERMAN FONMIN SCHEEL COMPLETED TWO DAY VISIT TO BULGARIA AND ALTHOUGH LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE, WARM ATMOSPHERICS OF VISIT PLEASED BOTH GERMANS AND BULGARIAN HOSTS. ZHIVKOV, FOR EXAMPLE, ALTERED VISIT'S SCHEDULE TO ALLOW FOR 2 HOUR PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH SCHEEL, AS WELL AS HOSTING DINNER FOR HIM.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMUNIQUE BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT BILATERAL RELATIONS AND PROMISED TO PREPARE LONG-TERM AGREEMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, CULTURAL AGREEMENT, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL AGREEMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT. REMAINDER OF

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COMMUNIQUE WAS BLAND, STATING BOTH SIDES

INTEREST IN EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND EXPRESSING HOPE
THAT "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT" IN MIDDLE EAST CAN BE
ACHIEVED ON BASIS OF UN RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338.
MLADENOV ACCEPTED SCHEEL'S INVITATION TO VISIT FRG.

3. COMMENT: AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY SCHEEL WHICH IN-
CLUDED CHIEFS OF MISSIONS, MEMBERS GERMAN DELEGATION
AND EMBASSY TOLD CHARGE THAT NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE WAS
SOUGHT OR REALIZED BY EITHER SIDE. BUT GENEROSITY
AND WARMTH OF THE BULGARIANS HAD IMPRESSED GERMANS
AS HAD THEIR OBVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS. FOREIGN OFFICE MEMBER
OF GERMAN DELEGATION SAID ZHIVKOV GAVE THE IMPRESSION
OF A SERIOUS AND COMPETENT LEADER RATHER THAN THE PARTY
HACK WHICH MANY IN THE WEST THINK HIM TO BE. ALTHOUGH
NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISED, IT WAS OBVIOUS ZHIVKOV WOULD
LIKE TO BE INVITED TO VISIT FRG BUT GERMANS THOUGHT IN-
VITING FONMIN MLADENOV SUFFICIENT FOR PRESENT AT LEAST.
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